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Brooks. Dunbar
Conner. Dixon
Crawford Girault
Sehring Hoggatt
Freeman

Journal of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory 1803

Clerk
Richard Wheaty

Journal of the House of Representatives

Second General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory at their second Session begun and held on Monday the third day of October Eighteen hundred and three of the Independence of the United States of America the twenty Eieghth. held under an Act of Congress entitled an act supplementary to an act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorising the establishment of Government in the Mississippi Territory.

The following Members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats viz

From Adams District. William Dunbar, William Connor, and James Fitzgatt

From Jefferson District Thomas Calvit and John Girault

Another Member to wit, from Jefferson District, John Brooks who produced a Certificate of his having been duly Elected to serve as a member of this House in the room of Cato Sift, resigned, who having taken the necessary Oaths took his seat.

The House proceeded to choose their Speaker, and upon examining the ballots William Connor Esquire was found to be duly Elected, and was conducted to the Chair.

Mr Samuel Sidney Mahon, who had been Clerk to this House resigned his appointment. The House proceeded by ballot to appoint a Clerk, and upon examining the ballots a majority was found in favor of Mr Richard S Wheatly who was thereupon qualified to the faithful performance of his duty as such.

A Message was recieved from the Council by Mr Philip Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker

I am directed to inform this House that a quorum

of the Legislative Council is now met and ready to proceed to Business, and also that they have appointed Mr Lattimore on their part as a joint Committee with such committee as may be appointed by the House to wait on the Governor and inform him that a Quorum of both Houses is met and now ready to recieve whatever Communication he may please to make— and then he withdrew

that the following answer be returned to the Legislative council.

"Mr President

The House of Representatives have on their part appointed Messrs Dunbar and Givaudt a joint Committee, with the committee appointed by the Legislative Council to wait on the Governor and inform him that a quorum of both Houses is met and ready to recieve any communication he may please to make.

The Committee waited upon the Governor and informed him that a Quorum of both Houses was met and ready to recieve any communication he might be pleased to make, recieved for answer that his Excellency would wait on both Houses at the Representatives Chamber in person and make such communications as he thought necessary in half an hour.

The Council having attended and took seats in this House. When both Houses being assembled his Excellency the Governor came in the Representatives Chamber and addressed them as followeth

Fellow Citizens of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives

I greet with sincerity your present assembly and feel on the occasion all that pleasure which the prosperity of our Common Country can inspire.

When we reflect on the happy situation of the United States and contrast it with those distressing scenes which other Nations exhibit we shall find abundant cause for mutual felicitation and the return of grateful acknowledgements to a beneficient providence.

From every Historical record we learn upon what slight pretexts, Rulers of Nations have waged wars, and the infuriate zeal with which those wars are prosecuted, until the miseries of mankind enforce pacifications; and then it has often happened that the most successful retire from the Contest, with an accumulation of wretchedness. While these reflections compel us to deplore the sanguinary conflict which again agitates Europe, they naturally lead us to admire the policy which has so long averted from our shores the scourge of war. Since that glorious revolutionary struggle, which terminated in the triumph of Liberty and virtue it has been the peculiar fortune of America, to be but little involved in those European differences, which so often menace the peace of the World: under a wise and just government administered by men of our own selection, we have enjoyed an uncommon share of national felicity, and there is every reason to hope for a continuance of the blessings of peace, Liberty and Safety. Wrongs may be offered by those who "feel power and forget right" but in such cases wise and virtuous efforts to obtain redress by negociation, seldom fail of success. A war commenced in passion, often commences without cause, it is seldom prosecuted with unanimity, and generally terminates ingloriously. But when a nation manifests a reluctance to draw the sword, and are alone urged to it as the

last resource; there is a union of sentiment and action between the Government and people formidable to an enemy and affording a sure presage of ultimate success. The firm and dignified conduct of the General Government on a recent occasion, was eminently calculated to call forth and unite all the energies of the American Nation had our pacific overtures proved unavailing:- but the wrongs which we sustained on the Mississippi are remedied, and ample security against their repetition is obtained. That perilous controversy is amicably adjusted, and our illustrious public officers who directed and conducted the negociation, have laid a foundation for their own future glory, and for the advancement of human happiness. It is understood by the late treaty between the United States and the First Consul of the French Republic, and which remains only to be sanctioned by the constituted authorities of our country, the Island of New Orleans is ceded to the United States, and the American Empire bounded by the western limits of the rich and extensive province of Louisiana; an accession of Territory not obtained by conquest, nor held by the precarious tenure of force, but acquired by honest purchase and secured to us by the national faith of its former owner an accession of Territory, essential to the welfare of the Western country, and which by encreasing the means of reciprocal benefits, will render still stronger the chain which connects the great American family in the inestimable union of interests and affections; a union which I pray to my God may exist co-equal with time

Fellow Citizens of the Legislative Council,
and of the House of Representatives.

When a people enjoy as we do, a great share of prosperity it should serve the more to stimulate those who manage the public concerns to persevere in measures best calculated to preserve the general security. The United States however solicitous to live on terms of friendship and good will with all powers, may nevertheless be unable always to maintain the present tranquility. The immutable principles of Justice do not invariably influence the councils of nations; and hence it is, that the country best prepared for every event, and in a situation to meet every danger, may be considered most secure from attack:— none but an armed people can dispense with a standing army." to keep our armed and disciplined is therefore at all times important." Large standing armies have always proved the bane of civil Freedom. A free state should place its greatest reliance on a well regulated militia, for the repulsion of attacks from without, and for the maintenance of the authority of its own internal government. The militia of this Territory should therefore recieve in a particular manner, the fostering care of this Assembly: and such measures as you may devise to enforce a general attendance at Company, Battalion and Regimental musters; to promote among the several Corps a knowledge of tactics and a due degree of Military subordination; and to induce the Citizens liable to military duty, to procure the arms, and uniform prescribed by law, I will cheerfully sanction, and use my best exertions to carry them into execution. An interesting letter respecting the Militia which I have recieved from the President of the United States, shall be laid before you, and I recommend it to your serious consideration.

The local interests of the Territory will call your attention to several other important subjects. It is believed that our present Judiciary System, with some modifications, will be adequate to the speedy and equal administration of Justice in the several Districts and Counties.

The delay of Judicial proceedings occasioned by the infrequency of the sessions of the county courts, continues to be a subject of complaint; and it devolves upon the Legislature to afford a remedy. —

In the District of Washington our fellow citizens labour under peculiar inconveniences; Washington is situated at a great distance from this part of the Territory, near to which the Judges of our Superior court have heretofore resided: in proceeding to that County they have to travel through a considerable tract of Indian land, and are liable to many difficulties and delays. From these circumstances, and the ill health of one of those Judges, no Court during the present year has been held for that District, You Gentlemen well know what a serious grievance such a disappointment must be, and I trust some provision will be made against a similar event in future. An enlargement of the powers of Washington County Court, or the establishment of a special District court whose sessions shall be rendered as much as possible independent of casualties, might probably remedy the evil, and are suggested as worthy of your Consideration. As connected with the judiciary, I recommend a revisal of the law "Establishing the fees of certain Officers therein mentioned" The Clerks of several Courts have some of their services rated

to high; others too low; and for some they recieve no compensation. The duties of a Sheriff are laborious, and merit in my opinion an augmentation of the fees already provided for by law. The inadequate compensation allowed to Clerks and Sheriffs has been the cause of frequent resignations; and considerable difficulty is experienced in procuring suitable persons to fill those necessary and confidential Offices. In remunerating Officers for public services, I deem it sound policy to be liberal, but not profuse. Frugal, but not parsimonious. A prudent economy is essential to our political welfare, and I should sincerely regret every departure from so just a principle; but that economy ceases to be prudent, which denies to the labourer a "price" worthy of his hire." The acts providing for a Revenue also require revision. In their operation they have been found defective, and some further regulations are necessary to insure a proper responsibility, and punctuality, in collecting and accounting for the public monies. The act providing for the inspection of Cotton remains unexecuted, the necessary Ware-houses and machinery, not being yet completed. The Grand Jurors for the Districts of Adams and Jefferson have recommended suitable Characters as inspectors; some have been commissioned and the whole number contemplated by law may be appointed in a short time. It rests with the Legislature to determine, how far a provision, for the temporary inspection of Cotton may be advisable. The tale of character which the cotton of this Territory might sustain in foreign markets, by the carelessness or fraud of a few of the cultivators w,

gainers of that article, may prove injurious to the planting interest, and it is the duty of the Government to guard against the evil.

Fellow Citizens of the House of Representatives

In compliance with your resolution of the last Session, I forwarded to the Secretary of State, with promptitude and pleasure, the memorial which you transmitted to me on the subject of the navigation of the Tombecbee, and other rivers east of the Mississippi, which fall into the Gulph of Mexico, accompanied with a request, that he would lay the same before the Executive. I have the satisfaction to add that the memorial was duly received, and in a letter addressed to me by the President, you will find that this important subject has long since been among the objects of his political cares. The letter alluded to shall be laid before you; it furnishes additional proof of the interest which the General Government takes in whatever concerns the welfare of the Western people, and cannot fail to engage our gratitude and esteem.

Fellow Citizens of the Legislative Council and of the House of Representatives

Before I close this address permit me to name some subjects of such general importance, as at all times to merit primary consideration. Agriculture is the best source of individual comforts as well as of national benefits; and whenever its

interests can be advanced by legislative encourage-
ment, your patronage I am well convinced will
not be withholden; with the prosperity of agriculture
manufactures will flourish, commerce extend its
self and industry and enterprise be abundantly
rewarded. But above all let me recommend to your
care Literature and Science. When the Society is
enlightened, the intrinsic worth of a free Government
is justly appriciated, and civil Liberty zealously
protected. A great Statesman has said, and the ex-
perience of all ages supports the position, that "Scie
nce is the only agent which can hold tyranny and
bigotry in check". Let the education of our youths
then be an object of public concern, and by foster
ing and supporting Seminaries of Learning. let
us place the means of acquiring instruction within
the reach of each growing family; thus shall we
render to posterity the greatest good, and establish
an impenetrable bulwark around their civil and
religious Liberties.

It only remains for me to offer you my best
wishes for an agreable Session, and to renew
the assurances of my faithful co-operation, in
whatever may contribute to the interests of the
Mississippi Territory.

William C C Claiborne

Town of Washington
October 3d 1803.

Ordered that Austin Halbrook be appointed Door Keeper.

On Motion ordered that a Committee be appointed to draft the Answer to the Governors Speech. Messrs Dunbar and Grant were accordingly appointed.

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning ten Oclock.

Tuesday 4th day of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

The following Written Message from his Excellency the Governor were by Mr Hughes delivered to the Speaker and he withdrew.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I now lay before you the letters from the President of the United States upon the subject of a free navigation of the Tombecbee and other Rivers to which I refered in my communications of yesterday.

Town of washington
October 4 1803.

William C. C. Claiborne

"Washington May 23d 1803

"Sir

I have duly recieved the memorial and petition of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, praying that measures may be adopted

for procuring to the citizens of the US settled on the navigable rivers running into the bay of Mexico the free navigation of those rivers to and from the beacon. Early in the last year, having recieved an application from the inhabitants themselves, intructions were given to our minister in Spain to represent to its government the importance to us of a free passage through those rivers, on principles similar to those on which a like right had been established on the Mississippi: the subject was resumed in the instructions to our joint Ministers lately appointed to the same Government: and the House of Representatives may rest assured that I consider an innocent and free passage along those waters as so necessary to the use of our territories on them that nothing will be wanting on my part to their ultimate attainment, praying you to make this communication to the House of Representatives at their next meeting, I tender you assurances of my high consideration and respect

Th: Jefferson

Govern^r Claiborne

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I now lay before you a letter which during your late recess, I recieved from the President of the United States upon the subject of the Militia, together with a copy of the answer I returned.

Town of washington
Octr 4. 1803

William C. C. Claiborne

Washington City
February 26 1803

Sir

In compliance with a request of the House of Representatives of the United States, as well as with a sense of what is necessary, I take the liberty of urging on you the importance and indispensible necessity of rigorous exertions on the part of the state Governments, to carry into effect the Militia system adopted by the national legislature, agreeably to the powers reserved to the States respectively, by the constitution of the United States, and in a manner the best calculated to ensure such a degree of military discipline, and knowledge of tactics, as will under the auspices of a benign providence, render the militia a sure and permanent bulwark of national defence

None but an armed nation can dispense with a standing army. to keep ours armed and disciplined, is therefore at all times important, but especially so at a moment when rights the most essential to our welfare have been violated, and an infraction of treaty committed without color or pretext, and although

we are willing to believe that this has been the act of a subordinate agent only, yet it is wise to prepare for the possibility that it may have been the leading measure of a system. While therefore we are endeavoring and with a considerable degree of confidence, to obtain by friendly negociation a peaceable redress of the injury, and effectual provision against its repetition, let us array the strength of the nation, and be ready to do with promptitude and effect whatever a regard to justice and our future security may require.

In order that I may have a full and correct view of the resources of our country in all its different parts, I must desire you, with as little delay as possible, to have me furnished with a return of the Militia, and of the arms and accoutrements of your State, and of the several counties or other geographical divisions of it.

Accept assurances of my high consideration and respect

Gov: Claiborne — Th: Jefferson

Sir — Natchez April 20 1803

I have been honored with the receipt of your letter of the 26 of February, together with the report of a Committee of Congress which accompanied it. So far as may depend upon my Agency, no exertions shall be wanting to carry into effect in this Territory, the Militia System adopted by the national Legislature, and in a manner the best calculated to insure such a degree of Military discipline, and knowledge of Tactics, as will under the auspices

of a benign Providence, render the Militia a sure and permanent bulwark of national defence".

I sincerely hope that the wise measures which have been adopted to obtain a peaceable redress of the injuries we lately recieved on the Mississippi, and to guard against their repetition, will be attended with success. But should we be disappointed in this reasonable expectation, I doubt not but the strength of the nation, will enable the Government "to do with promptitude and effect, whatever regard to justice and our future security may require".

The enclosed return which was made to me on this day, by the Brigade Major and Inspector of the Militia will present to you the militaoy strength of this Territory.

With sentiments of great esteem & respect I have the Honor to subscribe myself

your most obt. Hble. Servt.

Signed / William C. C. Claiborne

The President of the United States

Report

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Presidents Message of the 15 of December last, which relates to the Militia institution of the United States, and a Bill which was reported to the House at the last Session of Congress, on the same subject

Report

That after a full investigation of the subject, they are of opinion, that a law which passed the eighth day of May 1792, intituled, "An act more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United" embraceth all objects of a Militia institution delegated to Congress the principles of that law lay the foundation of a Militia system on the broad Basis prescribed by the Constitution, and are well calculated to ensure a Compleat national defence if carried into effect by the State Governments agreeably to the powers reserved to the States respectively by the Constitution and therefore ought not to be altered but altho the Committee are of Opinion that the principles of the system established on the part of the United States ought to be adhered to yet they believe that some small alterations in the detail of these principles would render that System still more efficacious and have reported a Bill for that purpose. In those States which have taken energetic measures for carrying into effect the System adopted by Congress agreeably to the

to the power constitutionally vested in them the Militia are making great proficiency in military discipline and in the knowledge of tactics which evinceth that the deficiency in organization arming and discipline of the Militia which is too apparent in some states, does not arise from any defect in that part of the system which is under the controll of Congress; but from omission on the part of the State Governments.

In order to impress the State Governments with the importance of the subject and the indispensible necessity of their vigorous coaperation with the General Government to compleat the militia institution, so as to ensure from that source a permanent National Defence the submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the President of the United States be requested to write to the Executive of each State, urging the importance and indespensible necessity of vigorous exertions, on the part of the State Governments to carry into effect the Militia System adopted by the National Legislature,

agreeably to the powers reserved to the States respectively, by the Constitution of the United States, and in a manner the best calculated to ensure such a degree of Military discipline and knowledge of tactics as will under the auspices of a Benign Providence render the Militia a sure and permanent Bulwark of National Defence.—

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning ten o'clock

Wednesday 5th of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present as yesterday

On motion

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Governors Message.

Ordered, That so much thereof as contains the letter of the President respecting the Militia and the Report accompanying the same be sent by message to the Legislative Council

Agreeably to the order of the day the House proceeded to take into consideration the address reported by the Committee in answer to the Speech of the Governor on the third instant to the

Legislative Council and House of Representatives

which report was agreed to as follows

To his Excellency the Governor

We the Representatives of the People of the Mississippi Territory recieve with great satisfaction your Excellency's felicitations upon the reunion of the present General Assembly, and with great sincerity reciprocate your Patriotic sentiments upon the high state of prosperity enjoyed by the United States. The calamities inseperable from a state of warfare now oppressing some of the European nations, when contrasted with our own enviable state of happiness cannot fail to call forth effusions of the most fervent gratitude to our beneficent Creator, mingled at the same time with a sentiment of affliction which cannot be withheld from the sufferings and miseries of our fellow men.

We have seen that at the termination of all modern wars, the victor himself has uniformly retired deeply wounded in his most essential interests, we cannot therefore sufficiently admire the enlightened policy of our General Government

which in the midst of the most sanguinary conflicts that have desolated the polished nations of Europe, has had the wisdom and good fortune to perserve our Country in a state of profound peace and unexampled prosperity, although at the same time we have been intimately connected with the contending powers in our commercial relations, we possess a confident hope that under the wise administration which now guides the national helm, the blessings of Peace, liberty and national felicity will be perpetuated to the Citizens of the United States

We concur in sentiment with your Excellency that negociation conducted with wisdom and energy will generally produce the most perfect redress of national wrongs, this principle has been eminently evinced in the fortunate result of the late treaty by which the Province of Louisiana has been ceded to the United States: this grand event secures the prosperity and happiness of the Western States to an incalculable extent of time, upon a basis of the most permanent stability; after the attainment of national Independance and Peace by the treaty of 1783, we will venture to assert that in the records of our history, all objects of inferior concern, sink from view, and are eclipsed by the magnitude and grandeur of this acquisition. The ceded Country is of immense extent, and of unbounded fertility, within its various climes may be furnished an infinitude of products which are now collected from the most distant parts of the Globe, this province may be expected, at a period not very distant, to pour into the

lap of the United States, treasures of which we ca
at this moment form no estimate, a slight rem
of this subject directs our attention with gratitu
and admiration to the Illustrious Executive of our
Government, and to the able Ministers under whose
auspices this grand object has been achieved. The
names of the Patriots who have conducted with so
much ability and success this negociation, so intimat
ly connected with our future happiness and pro
=sperity, will be inscribed in terms of the highest re
=veration and gratitude upon the fairest page of
our national history

We perfectly accord with your Excellency in
the importance of a well trained Militia, our best
endeavours shall be exerted to attain this desirable
purpose, and we shall pay due deference and
attention to the President's letter on that subject
which you have been pleased to favor us with.

The Judiciary system with its connections
and the Acts providing for a revenue, recommen
=ded by your Excellency to our consideration shall
receive our early attention.

We lament that the Act for the inspection
of Cotton has not been carried into effect, occa
=sioned by the delay in the erection of warehouses
&c. we shall seriously reflect on the expediency
of a provisional inspection.

We pray your Excellency will be pleased to tender to the Executive of the General Government our grateful acknowledgements for the prompt attention with which he has honored our memorial respecting the free navigation of certain Rivers within our Territory communicating directly with the Ocean; the most important of which we have the satisfaction to be=lieve, fall within the late cession of Louisiana.

Your Excellency entertains a just sense of the high value to be placed upon Agriculture, general Science and Literature. The first is the grand source of national wealth, it is the basis of Commerce, Navigation, Manufactures and the useful Arts and it will be found from the history of ancient and modern Nations, that those have invariably been the most wealthy and powerful, which have held in honorable estimation the Character of the peaceful cultivator of the Earth: Tyrants have uniformly opposed the pro=gress of Science and Literature under the impression that the stability of their Government depended upon the ignorance of the People; How glorious the contrast of a free State, where Government is rendered more firm, permanent and tranquil, as the Citizens become more enlightened and better acquainted with their just rights; hence it may with propriety be said, that Agriculture duly improved is the foun=dation of our physical prosperity, and that Science and literature are intimately connected with our moral happiness, inasmuch as they instruct us

how to make a true estimate of the value of Lib
how to defend this precious Jewel, as connected with
our own persons, and what is infinitely more import
to its persavation, and even to its existence; to abstain
religiously from the slightest invasion of this sacred
right in the persons of our fellow Citizens = From
the high value we entertain of those inestimable
objects, your Excellency may be assured, that they
will be promoted by our best exertions so far
as the present state of our Country may admit

1 We return your Excellency our best thanks
for your wishes of an agreeable Session, we prose
a pleasing presage that it will be conducted to it
termination with perfect harmony on the part
of the three branches of the Legislature —

// Ordered that Robert George Barde be appointed
engrossing Clerk to this House

On motion

Ordered that the address to the Governor in
answer to his Speech be presented by a Committee
to be appointed by the Speaker, and that the Com=
=mittee do previously wait on the Governor and desire
to be informed at what time and place he will re=
=ceive the same.

Mr. Hoggatt Mr Gerault and Mr Calvit were
accordingly appointed

On Motion

Ordered that a standing Committee of ways and means be appointed. Mr Calvit and Mr Brooks were accordingly appointed to be the said Committee

On Motion

Ordered that a standing Committee of previledges and Elections be appointed

Mr Girault, Mr Stoggatt and Mr Brooks were accordingly appointed

On Motion

Ordered that a standing Committee of claims be appointed – Mr Girault and Mr Stoggatt were accordingly appointed

Mr Dunbar moved the following resolution.

Whereas it appears that a resolution of this House during their last session dated 12 March last, has never been communicated to the Territorial Treasurer, Be it therefore Resolved. That the Territorial Treasurer be and is hereby directed to invite the public Creditors to file in his Office a Statement of their demands. which the said Treasurer shall lay before this House as soon as the same shall be prepared of the information of this House –

Ordered That the Clerk do acquaint the Territorial Treasurer therewith in the commencement of this Week.

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the laws for the establishment of a Militia and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Mr Dixon
Mr Grimett and Mr Hoggatt were accordingly appointed.

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Judiciary system and a law establishing fees of certain officers, taking into view particularly the inconvenience under which the County of Washington is placed by its great distance from the actual residence of the Territorial Judges - And to report by Bill or otherwise - Mr Dunbar, Mr Perkins and Mr Brooks were accordingly appointed -

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the acts providing for a revenue and to report by Bill or otherwise - Mr Dunbar, Mr Perkins and Mr Hoggatt were accordingly appointed.

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to revise the Act providing for the inspection of Cotton - and to report by Bill or otherwise: Mr Dunbar and Mr Calvit were accordingly appointed

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to take into consideration the following objects recommended by the Governor to the attention of the Legislature - viz. Agriculture, Literature and Sciences and to report by Bill or otherwise Mr Grimett and Mr Dunbar were accordingly appointed -

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to revise the Election Laws and report by Bill or otherwise - and that Mr Girault and Mr Brooks be the said Committee -

Ordered, That the House adjourn until the ensuing day at 10 o'clock.

Thursday 6th October 1803

The House met according to adjournment

Members present as yesterday

According to the order of yesterday, the Committee appointed to deliver the Answer of the House to his Excellency the Governor's Speech waited on him at his house and delivered the same.

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to examine the Journals of last Session and report all such matters of Business as may remain therein Depending and unfinished and that Mr Girault and Mr Hoggett be the said Committee.

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed, to act jointly with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council to draft and prepare

Such rules as may be necessary for the Joint Gover-
nment of both Houses and that Mr Dunbar and
Mr Patrick be the said Committee on the part
of this House and that the Concurrence of the Coun-
cil be requested to this Measure.

On Motion Ordered that the Clerk acquain
the Council that a Committee are appointed
in this House to review the following Laws and
report by Bill or otherwise.

The Militia Laws. The Election Laws.
The Judiciary and Fee Bills. The revenue Laws
And the Laws providing for the inspection of Cotton

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow
morning ten O'clock

Friday 7th of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present.

Messrs Conner. Dunbar
Brook Hoggatt
&
Patrick

A Petition from the Board of trustees of Jefferson College was presented to the house and read praying the Legislature to fix and establish a certain plat or survey of Land in the Town of Washington including a Large spring known by the name of Allcotts Spring Given by Messrs John and James Porter and Randal Gibson) as the permanent site of Jefferson College.

Ordered that said petition be referred to a Committee of two who shall report by Bill or otherwise and that Mr Dunbar and Mr Grantt be the said Committee.

Mr Dunbar gave notice to the House that on wednesday next he should move for leave to bring in a Bill entitled an Act for the relief of Creditors by Making Composition with their debtors in case two thirds in Number and value disagree.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker

The Council have appointed Mr. Mountmeny on their part a Joint Committee to prepare Rules for the Government of Both Houses with the Committee already appointed by the House of Representatives.

And they have also appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill respecting Constables.

Mr. Grants appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Dunbar gave Notice that on Wednesday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to be entitled an act to provide for the Printing of the Journals of the Two houses and for the Speedy Promulgation of the Laws to be passed by the General Assembly.

Ordered that the House adjourn until ten O'clock tuesday Morning.

Tuesday. 11th October 1803

House met According to adjournment Members present there Mr. Grant & Mr. Hackett

~~Monday~~ not being ~~Members sufficient to form a House~~ a quorum the House adjourned until tomorrow morning ten O'clock

Wednesday, 12th day of October 1803

House met according to Adjournment.

Members present Mess.rs Dunbar. Hoggat.
Brooks and Conner —

Ordered that the House adjourn until Tomorrow
morning ten O'clock. —

Thursday, 13th day of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present Mess.rs Dunbar. Conner. Hoggat
& Brooks.

Mr Pulcus a member from washington District —
appeared and took his Seat

Orderably to the order of the day

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered: That a Committee of two be appointed to
bring in a Bill. Entitled an Act for the relief of
Creditors by making composition with their Debtors
in Case two thirds in number and value do agree
and that Mr Dunbar and Mr Perkins be the
Said Committee

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that a Committee of two be

appointed to bring in Bills intitled an Act
provide for the printing of the Journals of the
two Houses and for the speedy promulgation
of the Laws to be passed by the General Assem
=bly and that Mr Perkins and Mr Hoggatt be the said Com
=mittee

On Motion of Mr Dunbar.

Ordered: That a Committee of three be
appointed to prepare a petition to Congress
praying that certain titles to lands within
this Territory, omitted in the Act of Con
=gress regulating the grants of Lands South
of the State of Tennessee may be confirm
=ed by Law — and that Mr Dunbar, Mr Hog
=gatt and Mr Perkins be the said Commit
=tee —

Mr Girault appeared and took his seat
Another Member from Jefferson District,
to wit Mr Roger Dixon appeared and
took his seat —

Mr Girault gave notice that to mor
=row he would move for a Committee
to be appointed to prepare a Bill to prevent unlawful
Gaming.

A Petition from Joseph B. Lloyd was

presented to the House and read by Mr Grant praying them to affix ~~such~~ a Salary to the appointment of Assistant to the Militia

On Motion of Mr Grant

Ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Laws for the Establishment of a Militia

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow morning at nine o'Clock —

Friday 14th October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members Present Messrs Dunbar Hoggatt Atkinson Conner, Dixon Brooks and Grant —

Mr Dunbar from the Committee appointed presented according to order a Bill establishing a Permanent Site for Jefferson College was received and read the first time.

On Motion

The said Bill was read a second time.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that

that said Bill be engrossed for a third Reading

On motion of Mr Giraudt

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Territorial Treasurer and Report thereon.

Mr Giraudt

Agreeable to Notice moved for the appointment of a Committee of two to bring in a Bill to prevent Profane, Unlawfull Gaming

Ordered: That the Committee be appointed and that Mr Giraudt and Mr Brooks be the said Committee

Mr Dunbar from the Committee appointed presented according to order a petition to Congress praying that certain Titles to Lands within this Territory omitted in the Act of Congress regulating the grants of Lands South of the State of Tenessee may be confirmed by Law which was received by the House, read, and ordered to lie upon the Table for further Consideration

On motion of Mr Brooks

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to revise a Law entitled an Act concerning certain Records therein mentioned and to report by Bill or otherwise.

A petition from Alexander Lite and Alexander Swancy was presented and read by Mr Brooks praying relief from a certain Execution of the Territory against them.

On motion of Mr Brooks.

Ordered, that the said petition be recieved and read. The petition was accordingly read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration.

On motion of Mr Dunbar.

Ordered that the engrossed Bill establishing the permanent Site of Jefferson College be read a third time.

And on the question shall the same pass, and the Title be An Act establishing a permanent Site of Jefferson College, it was passed the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion of Mr Girault

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed jointly with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills: and that Mr Girault and Mr Dunbar be the said Committee on the part of this House; And that the Council have notice of the same.

Ordered that the House adjourn untill to morrow at nine O'clock.

Saturday 15 October 1803

The House met according to adjournment.

Members present. Messrs Dunbar, Connee, Girault, Dixon, Brooks, and Perkins.

Mr Girault from the Committee appointed to examine the Journals of the last Session reported that it appears the petition of Robert Stark claiming a Compensation for certain Services as Clerk of the late Supreme Court has not been acted upon, and that they have noticed no other unfinished Business.

Mr Perkins gave notice that on Monday he should move for a Committee to be appointed to bring in a Bill entitled an Act authorising the

presiding Justice of Washington County together with any other two Justices of said County to take Bonds with good and sufficient Security from the Sheriff or any other person of their County for the collection of the public tax for the year 1803.

On Motion of Mr Grant.

Ordered that the petition and accounts of Robert Stark be refered to a Committee who are to report by Bill or otherwise, and that Mr Perkins and Mr Grant be the said Committee

Ordered that the House adjourn untill Monday next at Nine O'Clock.

Monday 17th day of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present Messrs Dunbar Grant. Moggat Perkins and Calvit.

Mr Perkins was unanimously chosen Speaker of this house pro tem

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker The Council on their Part have appointed Mr Latimore a Joint Committee with the Committee appointed

by the House of Representatives for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills. and the Council have also appointed the Bill entitled an act establishing a permanent site of Jefferson College. sent to them for Concurrence.

Mr Brooks appeared and took his seat

Mr. Dunbar from the Joint Committee for enrolled Bills Reported that the Committee had examined an enrolled Bill entitled an act establishing a permanent site for Jefferson College. and had found the same to be truly enrolled

Whereupon Mr Speaker signed the said enrolled Bill.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr Dunbar from the Joint Committee for enrolled Bills. Reported that the Committee had this day waited on his Excellency the Governor and presented for his approbation an enrolled Bill entitled an Act establishing a permanent site of Jefferson College

Mr Speaker laid Before the House the following Communication from his Excellency the Governor

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives.

I have this day approved and signed an act which originated in the House of Representatives entitled an act establishing a permanent Site of Jefferson College and which act shall be deposited among the Rolls in the office of the Secretary for this Territory.

William C C Claiborne

Town of Washington
October 17th 1803

The Hon The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint therewith

Ordered that the House do adjourn until to morrow Morning Nine Clock

Tuesday 18th October 1803.

House met according to adjournment.

Members Present Messrs Dunbar Hoggatt. Cal
Perkins. Brooks and Grantt.

Mr Dunbar from the Committee appointed
for that purpose reported a Bill entitled an
Act for the Relief of Creditors by making
Composition with their Debtors in Case two
thirds in number and value do agree. Which
Was Received and read the first time and
ordered to lie over for a second reading

Mr Dunbar from the Committee appointed
for that Purpose Reported a Bill entitled
an Act Suplimentary to an act entitled
an Act Providing for the inspection of
Cotton.

Received and read the first time and or
dered to lie over for a second Reading

Mr Grantt Presented a Petition from
Claiborne County Praying an alteration
in the Division Lines of said County

Which was received and read the first time and ordered to lie on the table for farther Consideration.

Mr. Grantt Presented a Petition from Seth Lewis Esquire late Chief Justice of the Mississippi Territory Praying to be endemnified for the loss of a Horse which was Stolen from him on his Return from Washington District where he had been for the Purpose of Holding a Court for that District Received and read the first time.

On Motion of Mr Dumbar

Ordered that said Petition be Referred to a Select Committee of two Who shall Report by Bill or otherwise and that Mr Grantt and Mr Haggath be the said Committee

Mr Dixon appeared and took his Seat

Ordered that the House adjourn until Tomorrow morning ten Oclock

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Wednesday, 19th day of October 18

House met according to adjournment

Members Present Mess.rs Dunbar Porter Grantt Talbot. Brooke and Duncan

Mr Conner Speaker of this House appeared and took his Seat.

Mr Grantt gave notice that he would move tomorrow for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill to establish the fees of the Justices and registers of the orphans Courts in this Territory

Also an act to provide for the more easy Obtaining the Testimony of Witnesses residing out of the territory.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar The petition to Congress praying that certain titles to Lands within this Territory Omitted in the Act of Congress Regulating the grant of Lands south of the State of Tennessee May be confirmed by Law was Called for a second reading and Being Read—

On Motion of Mr Perkins

Ordered, to be committed to a Committee of the whole house Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house.

Mr. Grant in the Chair

And after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Grant reported that the Committee had according to order had the said Petition under Consideration and made Several amendments thereto which he delivered in at the Clerks table and on the same being Read was agreed to

On Motion ordered that the said Petition with the amendments be engrossed for a third Reading.

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar.

The Bill entitled an act for the Relief of Creditors by making Composition with their Debtors in case two thirds in number and value agree Was Called for a Second Reading and being Read

On Motion of Mr Fitzhugh, The same Bill was ordered to be committed to Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Mr Fitzhugh from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled An Act directing the manner in which certain Claims therein mentioned are to be paid.

Which was recieved by the House and read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration.

Mr Perkins from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled An Act to provide for the printing and promulgation of the laws passed by the General Assembly, and the Journals of the same. Which was recieved and read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration

Agreeably to previous notice. Mr Perkins moved for the appointment of a Committee to be appointed to bring in a Bill entitled An Act authorizing the presiding Justice

of Washington County together with two other Justices of the Peace of the same County to take bond with good and sufficient Security from the Sheriff or any other person of said County for the Collection of the public tax for the year 1803

Ordered that Mr Perkins and Mr Dixon be the said Committee.

Mr Girault gave notice that he would to morrow move for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to their imprisonment of their persons—

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act entitled an Act providing for the inspection of Cotton was called for a second reading, and being read.

On Motion. Ordered that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House to morrow

Mr Speaker laid before the House a resolution of the Common Council of the

City of Natchez, which contains a proposal to erect a Court house and Jail in the said City at the expence of the Corporation, was on Motion, recieved by the House, read, and ordered to lie on the table for further consideration

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow nine o'clock.

Thursday 20 of October 180

House met according to adjournment

Members present.

Mr Connor. Mr Dixon

Mr Grant Mr Brooks

Mr Calvit. Mr Perkins

and Mr Dunbar

Mr Perkins from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled an Act authorizing the presiding Justice of Washington County together with two other Justices of the peace of the same County to take bond with good and sufficient security from the Sheriff or any other person

of said County for the collection of the public Tax for the year 1808 which was recieved and read the first time and ordered to lie on the Table—

Mr Brooks presented a petition from the inhabitants of Ellicot-ville praying to be released from the payment of taxes on their Lands as if they were an incorporated town recieved and read and ordered to lie on the table for further consideration

On Motion of Mr Givaudt

The Bill entitled an Act directing the manner in which certain claims therein mentioned are to be paid, was called for and ordered to be read a second time. and on motion the same was amended by striking out the third Section.

Mr Givaudt according to previous notice moved for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill entitled an Act to establish the fees of the Chief Justice and Register of the several Orphans Courts in this Territory Ordered that Mr Dixon and Mr Givaudt be the Select Committee—

Mr Girault according to previous notice also moved, for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill entitled an Act to provide for the more easy obtaining the Testimony of Witnesses residing out of the Territory

Ordered that Mr Dean Mr Brooks and Mr Girault be the said Committee.

Also. agreeably to previous notice. Mr Girault moved for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a Bill for the relief of insolvent debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons

Ordered that Messrs Cabot and Girault be the said Committee

On Motion of Mr Girault ordered that the Bill entitled an Act directing the manner in which certain Claims therein mentioned are to be paid be engrossed for a third reading.

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning nine o'clock

Friday 21 of October 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members present

Messrs. Connor, Dunbar
" Girault, Hoggatt
" Dixon, Perkins
" Brooks and Calvit

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill intitled an Act supplimentary to an Act entitlex an Act providing for the inspection of Cotton

Mr Dixon in the Chair.

and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dixon reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made several amendments thereto which he delivered in at the Clerks table, and the same be read.

On motion of Mr Dunbar was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of Creditors by making Composition with their Debtors in Case two thirds in number and value do agree

Mr Dixon in the Chair

and after sometime spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dixon reported that the Committee had according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made several amendments thereto which he delivered in at the Clerks table, and the same being read was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading

A Message from the Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have passed

Bill entitled an act directing the appointment of Constables, and regulating their duty in Office to which they request the concurrence of this House.

Several Petitions were presented to the house from the Inhabitants of Adams County praying for the removal of the seat of Justice of said County. and being read. On motion of Mr. Stoggatt were ordered to be referred to a Committee of three to report by Bill or otherwise —

Messrs. Perkins, Brooks and Stoggatt were appointed to be the said Committee.

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar.

The Petition to Congress praying that certain Titles to lands within this Territory omitted in the act of Congress regulating the grant of lands south of the State of Tennessee. may be confirmed by law. was called for and read a third time, and on the question Shall the same pass? it was passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Coun
Herewith

A petition from the Corporation of the City of Natchez was presented by Mr. Dunbar and read - and on motion of Mr Dunbar ordered to be referred to a select Committee of three, to report by Bill or otherwise: Mr Girault Mr Brooks and Mr Perkins were accordingly appointed to be the said Committee

A petition from William Nicholas Sherp of Adams County praying to be allowed a longer time to make his returns of the collection of the public taxes for the year 1802 ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration

Ordered

That the House adjourn until monday next ten Clock AM

Monday 24th October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members Present

Mess.rs Cowles, Cambar
Cabell, Hoggatt
and Perkins

On Motion the house according to the order of the day, to take into Consideration the bill Passed by the Council Entitled an act directing the Appointment of Constables and Regulating their Duty in office. was called for and read the first time and ordered to lie on the table for further Consideration

A Petition from the Citizens of Washington County praying for the establishment of a Town in said County was presented by Mr Perkins Rec.d and read the first time and ordered to be referred to a Committee of two to report by Bill or otherwise and that Mr Hoggat and Mr Perkins be the said Committee

On Motion of Mr Dunbar.

The Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act entitled An Act, providing for the inspection of Cotton called for and read a third time.

On Motion

Another Section was added to the Bill and agreed to and ordered to be reengr

On Motion of Mr Perkins

The Act entitled an act authorising the presiding Justice of Washington County together with two other Justices of the Peace of said County to take bond with good and sufficient security from the Sheriff or any other Person of said County for the Collection of the Public Tax for the yr 1803) was called for and read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third Reading.

A Memorial from the City of Natchez was laid before the House by the Speaker and being read was ordered to be referred

to the same Committee to which the Petition of the Inhabitants of Adams County praying for the removal of the seat of Justice of said County was referred

On Motion of Mr Perkins.

Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to draft a Petition and Memorial to Congress praying for a Division of the Territory. Mr Perkins Mr Dunbar and Mr Hoggat were accordingly appointed to be the said Committee

Ordered that the house adjourn until tomorrow morning nine O Clock

Tuesday 25th October 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members Present

Messrs Conner	Dunbar
Cabiet	Hoggat
and	Perkins.

The Bill Entitled An Act

Supplementary to an act entitled an act pro-
viding for the inspection of Cotton, was re-
ad again and on the question being put that
the same pass and the title be an
An act Supplementary to an act entitled
act providing for the inspection Cotton
it passed in affirmative
Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the
Council therewith
On motion of Mr Dunlap.
The Bill entitled an act for
the Relief of Creditors by making Compo-
sition with their Debtors in case two thirds
in Number and Value do agree was called up
and read a third time and on the question
being put shall the same pass and the title
be an act for the relief of Creditors by ma-
king Composition with their Debtors in
Case two thirds in Number and value do
agree passed in the affirmative
Ord that the Clerk do acquaint the
Council therewith

On Motion of Mr Perkins

The Bill entitled an act to provide for the Printing and promulgation of the laws passed by the General Assembly and the Journal of the same was called up and read a second time and

On Motion of Mr Hoggat

Ordered that said Bill be refered to a Committee of the whole House tomorrow —

Ordered that the house adjourn until tomorrow Morning Nine O Clock

Wednesday 20th October 1803.

House met according to adjournment,

Members present

Mess.rs Brooks Dunbar
Conner Hoggat
Cabell & Perkins

The house according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house On the Bill entitled an

Act to provide for the printing and promulgation of the Laws passed by the Genl Assembly and the Journals of the same.

Mr Dunbar in the Chair

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dunbar Reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made several amendments thereto which he delivered in at the Clerks table and the same being read was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Petition from Christina Mitchell presented by Mr Dunbar praying for a Divorce from the Bonds of matrimony with Alexr Mitchell alias Walker.

Received read and ordered to lie on the table

The Bill directing the appointment of Constables and regulating their duty in office was called for and read the second time and several amend

ments were proposed and agreed to and ordered to lie on the table for a third reading.

Mr Perkins from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled an act for Laying out a Town in Washington County by the Name of Alacombough which was recd and read the first time and ordered to lie on the table for farther consideration

On Motion of Mr Brooks

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to take into Consideration the Legality of the Inhabitants of Belgers having their Lotts taxed as if they were an incorporated by Law and report by Bill or otherwise

Mr Dunbar and Mr Brooks were appointed to be the said Committee

On Motion the Bill directing the appointment of Constables and regulating their duty in office was called up and read a third time and on the question shall the same Pass. it passed in the Negative

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow morning one o'Clock

Thursday 27th October 1803

Members present

Mr. Brooks Dunbar

Conner

Cabell & Perkins

A Petition from Certain Inhabitants of Adams County praying for a Removal of the Seat of Justice of said County to the Town of Washington was presented by Mr Dunbar Received and Read the first time and ordered to be Referred to the same Committee to which Several other petitions of The Inhabitants of Adams County, praying for a Removal of the Seat of Justice was Referred

Mr Dunbar from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled an act Supplementary to The Laws of this Territory providing for the raising of a revenue passed the 30th day of January 1802 and 12th March 1803

Received and read the first time

and on Motion

Ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole house tomorrow.

On Motion of Mr. Perkins

The Bill Entitled an act providing for the Printing, and promulgation of the Laws passed by the General assembly and the Journals of the Same was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put shall the Same pass and the Title be an Act Providing for the printing and promulgation of the Laws and the Journals of the Same. it passed in the affirmative.

Ord that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith

On Motion of Mr Perkins the Bill entitled an act authorising the laying out of a Town in Washington County by the

Name of Macousburgh was called for
and read a second time and ordered to
be engrossed for a third reading
Mr Dunbar gave notice that he should
move tomorrow for leave to bring in
a Bill providing for the regulation
and good government of slaves.
On Motion of Mr Dunbar
The Bill entitled an
Act directing the manner in which cer-
tain public Claims therein mentioned
shall be paid was called for and referred
to a Committee of the Whole house.
Mr Dunbar in the Chair
and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker
resumed the Chair and Mr Dunbar
reported that the Committee according
to order had the said Bill under consi-
deration and made several amendments
thereto which he delivered in at the
Clerks table and on the same

being read was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading

On Motion of Mr Perkins

The Bill entitled an act for laying out a Town in Washington County by the name of Macomsburgh was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put shall the same pass and the title be an act for laying out a town in Washington County by the the name of Macomsburgh it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk acquaint the Council therewith

Ordered that the house adjourn until tomorrow morning nine O Clock

Friday 28th of October 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present
Mess.rs Brooks Dunbar
Conner Noggat
Natwet & Dixon
Petzing.

A Message from the Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council concur with the house in this Petition directed to Congress relative to the Claims of Lands in this Territory With the following amendments Viz Second Paragraph third line after the word Government insert the Word "previous to the 27th day of October 1795"

Same Paragraph sixth line after the Word previous strike the Words to the 27th day of October 1795 and insert in lieu thereof the Words "to that day of the year 1797 or when the Spanish had finally evacuated the fort at Natchez to

which Amendments they request the Concurrence of this House.

The Council have also passed the Bill sent to them for Concurrence entitled an act ~~Supplementary to an~~ Act ~~entitled~~ an Act providing for the inspection of Cotton. and I am further directed to inform this House that the Council have now under Consideration a Bill to prevent Frauds and Perjuries and a Bill to prevent Duelling

On Motion of Mr Perkins

Ordered that the house proceed to take into Consideration the amendments made by the Council to the petition to Congress relative to the Claims of Lands in this Territory sent to them for Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered Resolved that the House disagree to the amendments made by the Council.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith and further that this house request the Council will appoint the Committee of Conference to Confer

with the Committee appointed by this House on the subject of the said Amendments.

Mr Dunbar and Mr Perkins are appointed to be the said Committee on the part of this House.

Mr Dunbar

From the Committee for that purpose appointed reported the following rules for the joint Government of both Houses which was received, and Agreed to to wit

First,— In every case of an amendment of a Bill agreed to in one House, and dissented in the other, if either House request a Conference and appoint a Committee for that purpose, and the other House shall appoint a Committee to confer, such Committee shall at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their Chairmen, meet, and state to each other verbally or in writing as either shall choose the reasons of the respective Houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

Second, When a message shall be sent from the Council to the House of Representatives it shall be announced at the door of the House by the door-keeper and shall be respectfully communicated to the Chair by the person by whom it may be sent, and a copy thereof deposited on the Table.—

Third, The same ceremony shall be observed when a Message

be sent by the House of representatives to the Council.—

th. — Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine to be proper.

th. While bills are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerks of each House respectively.—

th. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled by the Clerk of the House of representatives or Secretary of the Council, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other House, before it shall be presented to the Governor of this Territory for his assent.—

th. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a Joint Committee of two Members from the House of representatives, and one from the Council appointed as a Standing Committee for that purpose who shall carefully compare the enrollment with the engrossed bill, as passed in the two Houses, and correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to their respective Houses.

th. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of representatives, and then by the president of the council.—

th. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each House, it shall be presented by the said Committee to the Governor for his assent, it being first endorsed on the back of the bill, certifying in which House the same originated, which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk— as the case may be.—

Tenth. All orders, resolutions, and Votes, which are to be presented to the Governor of this Territory for his Assent, shall also in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed, and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee as provided in the case of bills. — —

Eleventh. When the Council and House of Representatives shall Judge it proper to make a Joint Address to the Governor, it shall be presented to him in his Audience Chamber by the president of the Council, in the presence of the Speaker, and both Houses — unless they shall agree upon a different Mode.

Twelfth. When Business requires the presence of the Councils in the Representative Chamber, and Notice being given thereof they shall be preceded by the Sergeant at arms, who shall clear the lobby for them, and conduct them with their Secretary to their bar. —

Thirteenth. The Stile of all Laws shall be as follows, be it Enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory in General Assembly convened, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same that and each Section after the first, shall begin with the words, — and be it further Enacted &c.

Fourteenth. When either House shall request a Conference, and appoint for that purpose, it shall be the duty of the other House as soon as convenient, to appoint a committee for that purpose. —

Eighteenth. When leave shall be given in either House to bring in a bill, information thereof stating the title of the bill, shall be communicated by Message to the other House. . .

Mr. Dunbar, according to previous Notice, Moved for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a bill providing for the regulation and Good Government of Negroes.— ordered that Mr. Balcit, Mr. Dunbar, and Mr. Perkins be the said Committee.—

On Motion of Dunbar,

The House according to the order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the bill entitled an act, supplementary to the Laws providing for the raising of a Revenue passed 30th January 1802, and the 12th March 1803.—

Mr. Dixon in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dixon reported that the Committee had the bill some time under Consideration and made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.—

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker

The Council have appointed, on their part Mr. Lattimore as Manager to Confer on the Subject Matter of amendments proposed by the Council to the Petition directed to Congress relative to certain Claims of Lands in this Territory and they have also proposed a Bill entitled an Act to

Prevent fraudy and perjuries, to which they request the concurrence of this House — and he then withdrew.

The House, then according to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bills intitled an act Supplementary to the Laws providing for the raising of a Revenue passed 30th January 1802 and the 12th March 1803.

Mr. Dixon again in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dixon reported, that the Committee had the Bills under consideration and had made some progress therein, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Dunbar gave notice that, tomorrow he would move for the appointment of a Committee to bring in a bill intitled an act, Making compensation to the attorney General of Washington County for certain services therein named.

Ordered that the House Adjourn untill to morrow Morning, nine o'clock.

Saturday, 29th October 1803

House met, according to Adjournment.

Members Present.

Mess.rs Brooks, Conner, Dunbar, Dixon, Higgatt, Perkins

Mr. Dunbar, according to previous notice moved for the Appointment of committee to bring in a Bill entitled an act Making compensation to the Attorney General of Washington County for certain Services therein Named. –

Ordered that Mr. Dunbar, and Mr. Hoggatt be the said Committee. –

On Motion of Mr. Perkins

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill entitled an act supplementary to the Laws providing for the raising of a revenue passed 30th January 1802 and the 18th March 1803

Mr. Dixon Again in the Chair

And after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dixon reported that the Committee, had according to order, had the said Bill under Consideration and made further Progress, and sitting With leave to set Again. –

Ordered that the House Adjourn until to Monday Morning two O'Clock.

Monday 31 October 1803

House met according to Agreement

Members Present

Mess.rs Brooks
Hoggatt & Perkins

There Not being a Quorum, the House adjourned until to Morrow Morning – Nine O'Clock.

Tuesday 1st day of November 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members Present

Mess.rs Brooks Cabell
Conner Haggatt
& Perkins

A message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act for laying out a Town in Mr. Hunter's County by the Name of Macoyburgh sent to them for concurrence, — and they have also passed the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the printing and promulgation of the Laws passed by the General Assembly & the Journals of the same sent to them for concurrence with the following amendments. Section 1. line 9th strike out the words "and" subsequent Section 2d add the following words provided the same shall be executed within two Months from the termination of the present Session of the Legislature. Section 3d add the following words, for which services they shall receive compensation as the Governor may deem reasonable to be paid as directed in the first section of this act. Section 4th line 4th strike out the words one copy and insert two copies and to the end of the section add these words and one for each House of the Legislature. Section 5th after the word thereof strike out the rest of the section.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House. —

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The Bill entitled an Act to prevent fraud, and Perjury, sent from the Council for Concurrence, was called for, and read the first time and ordered to be on the Table for farther consideration.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that the House proceed to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill entitled an act to provide for the Printing and Promulgation of the Laws Passed by the General Assembly and the Journals of the same, sent to them for Concurrence.

The Amendments proposed by the Council, met with the concurrence of the House.

Some further Amendments being proposed, and agreed to, the said Amendments were, by the House sent to the Council for their concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar

The Bill entitled an act directing the Manner in which certain Claims therein Mentioned are to be paid, was called for and read a third time, and on the Question being put shall the same pass, and the title be an act directing the Manner in which certain Claims therein Mentioned are to be paid, it passed in the affirmative, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A message from the Council, by Delos Hugh their Secretary

Mr. Speaker

I am directed to lay before this House certain Petitions from the Citizens of Adams County and District adjacent to the permanent Seat of Justice for said County and District. — and he then withdrew. —

Mr. Perkins,

From the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Bill entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to provide for the more convenient organization of the County of this Territory passed 26th Jan. 1802 which was received and read 1st time, and ordered to be on the Table for further consideration. —

Mr. Speaker

Laid before the House a report from the Territorial Treasurer which on Motion of Mr. Dunbar was ordered to be referred to the Committee appointed for the inspection of the Accounts of the Territorial Treasurer. —

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow morning Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 2nd ~~October~~ November 1803

House met according to Adjournment. —

Members present

Mess.rs Brooks, Dunbar, Conner, Hoggatt, Calvert & Perkins

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

ordered that the House again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an act Supplementary to the laws providing for the raising of a Revenue passed 30th of January 1802 and 1st March 1803 Paid.

Mr Hoggatt in the Chair, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Hoggatt reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made several Amendments, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table and on the same being read, twice, received by the House the Amendments twice Agreed to And ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker

The Council have disagreed to the Amendments proposed by this House in the Message of yesterday, to the bill entitled an act to provide for the Printing, and promulgation of the Laws of the General Assembly &c and they have passed a Bill entitled an act to prevent the evil Practice of Dueling, to which bill they request the Concurrence of this House.

On Motion of Dunbar

ordered that the Bill entitled an Act to prevent the evil practice of Dueling twice called for and read the first time.

Mr Dunbar from the Committee for that Purpose appointed, reported a bill entitled an Act Making Compensation to Nicholas Perkins, Attorney General for the District

Washington was received by the House and read the first time, and on Motion ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House for to morrow.

Mr. Perkins from the Joint Committee of Conference on the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the Petition to Congress, disagreed to by the House reported that the Committee according to Order, had the said Amendments under Consideration, and it is their opinion that it is inexpedient to adopt the said Amendments.

The House received and agreed to the said report.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the Bill entitled an act directing the Manner in which Certain Claims therein Mentioned are to be paid, which was sent to them for Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Perkins

The following resolution agreed to by the House

Resolved that with the Concurrence of the Council that the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of representatives be, and they are hereby directed to adjourn their respective Houses on Saturday the twenty fifth day of this present Month at 3 O'Clock P.M.

Ordered that the Clerk do Acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr. Perkins

From the committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Adams County praying for the removal of the Seat of Justice of said County reported a bill entitled an act to Establish the permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House on Friday Next.

A Message was laid before the House by Mr. Speaker

Mr. Speaker

I am directed to inform this House that the Council have Now under Consideration a Bill Entitled an Act to alter part of the Act entitled an act for the Appointment of the places of Holding the Superior Courts for Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County and for Other purposes. - ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

Thursday 3d day of November 1803

House Met according to Adjournment,

Members Present

Messrs Brooks Cabell

Conner Dunbar

and Perkins

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council recede from their amendments proposed to the Petition directed to Congress relative to certain claims for Lands in this Territory, and they have also concurred in the resolutions passed Yesterday in this House relative to an Adjournment of both Houses. — and he then withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an act making Compensation to Nicholas Perkins Attorney General for the District of Washington.

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dunbar reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made several Amendments which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, and on being read was received and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. —

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee appointed for that Purpose reported a Bill Entitled an act providing for the regulation and Good Government of Navy, which was received by the House, read the first time and ordered to be on the Table for farther consideration. —

Mr Dunbar,

The Bill entitled an Act supplementary to the Act of the General Assembly providing for the laying of a Revenue passed the 30 January 1802 and 12th March 1803 was called for and read a third time, and several Amendments were proposed and Agreed to by the House and ordered to be re-engrossed.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The bill entitled an Act to prevent fraud and perjury was called for and read a second time and on Motion. ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House for to Morrow.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar,

The Bill entitled an Act to prevent the wicked practice of Dueling was called for and read the second time - and ordered to be on the Table for a third reading. -- On Motion of Mr Dunbar the bill entitled an Act Making compensation to Nicholas Perkins Attorney General for the District of Washington was called for and read the third time and on the Question being put Shall the same pass, and the Title be an Act Making Compensation to Nicholas Perkins Attorney General of Washington County, for certain services therein named, it passed in the Affirmative. ordered that the Clk do acquaint the Council therewith

Ordered that the House Adjourn until to morrow.

Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday 4th November 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present,

Mess.rs Brooks Dunbar
Conner Hoggatt
Calvert & Perkins

On Motion of Mr. Perkins

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the bill entitled an act to establish the permanent seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams.

Mr. Dunbar in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dunbar reported that the House according to order had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments which were handed in at the Clerks Table and on being read twice were concurred in agreed to by the House and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A Message from the Council by Felix Haughey their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill entitled an act to alter part of the act entitled an act appointing the place of Holding the Superior Courts for the Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County and for other purposes to which they request the

concurrence of this House.

The Council have Now under consideration, a Bill entitled an Act to reduce into One, the several Acts Ascertaining the Number of Attorneys General to be Appointed in the Mississippi Territory, for fixing their Salaries &c, and then withdrew.

Mr Girault appeared and took his seat.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The House according to the further order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act to prevent frauds and Perjuries.

Mr Dunbar in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Dunbar reported that the Committee according to order had the said bill under consideration and made some amendments which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, and the same being read twice received and Agreed to by the House, and ordered to be on the Table for a third reading.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill entitled an act fixing compensation to Nicholas Parker Attorney General for the District of Washington sent to them for concurrence

and he then withdrew

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Council requesting them to appoint a Member of their House in the Absence of Lattimore to form with the Committee for enrolled Bills on the part of this House a Joint Committee for the purpose of examining a Petition to Congress from both Houses of the Legislature of this Territory.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar,

The Bill entitled an Act to alter part of the act entitled an Act apportioning the Places of Holding the Superior Courts for Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County and for other purposes was called for and read the first time and ordered to be on the Table for further Consideration.

On Motion of Mr Perkins the Bill entitled an act to prevent frauds and perjuries was called for and read a third time, and Question being put Shall the same pass and the title be an Act to prevent frauds and Perjuries, it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr McGrew on their part to act as a Joint Committee

With the Committee Appointed by this House to Examine enrolled Bills during the Absence of Mr. Lattimore. & he then withdrew

Mr. Dunbar from the Joint Committee appointed for that purpose reported that the Committee had Examined the enrolled Petition to Congress relative to the Claims of Land in this Territory and found the Same to be Correct.

and on Motion of Mr. Dunbar the following Resolution was Adopted by the House. —

Resolved with the Concurrence of the Legislative Council that the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and he is hereby directed to enclose and Transmit a petition to Congress, entitled a petition, praying that Certain Titles to Land within this Territory, Omitted in the act of Congress regulating the Grants of Land South of the River Tennessee May be conferred to the honourable William Lattimore representative from this Territory in Congress requesting his early attention to the Same

A Message from the Council by Felix Huey their their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council concur with this House in their resolution, directing the Speaker of this House to enclose and Transmit a petition entitled a Petition to Congress praying that Certain Titles to Lands within this Territory (omitted in the Act of Congress regulating the Grants of Lands South of the River

Tennessee) May be conferred to the Honourable William Lattimore representative from this Territory in Congress requesting his early attention to the same.

On Motion Mr. Dunbar was added to the committee already appointed for the purpose of examining the accounts of the Territorial Treasurer.—

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow Morning Ten O'Clock.

Saturday 5th November 1803.

House met according to adjournment,

Members Present

Messrs Brooks Dunbar
Conner Hoggatt
Calvit & Girault

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar

The Bill entitled an Act to alter part of the act entitled an Act appointing the place of holding the Superior Courts for Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County, and for other purposes, sent to this House by the Council for Concurrence was called for and read a second time, and some amendments were proposed by Mr. Girault and agreed to by the house and ordered to lie on the table for a third Reading.

On motion of Mr Linnauth

The said Bill was called for and read the third time and on the question being Put shall the same pass and the title be an Act appointing the place of holding the superior Courts for Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County and for other purposes it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that the house immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Act to provide for the Regulation and good Government of Slaves Mr Hoggat in the Chair.

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Hoggat reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made some progress therein, and rose with leave to sit again.

Ordered that the House adjourn until Monday Morning 10 o'clock

Monday 7th November 1803

House Met according to adjournment

Members Present

Messrs Brooks, Dunbar, Bonner, Girault, Calvert, Hoggatt, and Perkins

on Motion of Mr. Perkins

Ordered that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act supplementary to an entitled an Act to provide for more convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory passed 26th January 1802.—

Mr. Girault in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Girault reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.—

Mr. Girault from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported the following bills, viz.

An Act providing a compensation to Seth Lewis

An Act to provide for Taking Depositions in Sundry Cases therein Mentioned. and

An Act establishing the fees of the Chief Justice and Register of the orphans Court in this Territory.—

and the said Bill being read was received by the House and ordered to be on the Table for farther Consideration

Mr Dixon appeared and took his Seat

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to take into consideration the act entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act entitled an Act to provide for the more convenient organization of Courts in this Territory passed 30th March 1802. Mr Girault in the Chair,

and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Girault reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made some Progress therein, and had leave to sit again.

On Motion of Mr Perkins

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Laws providing for the raising of a Revenue passed 30th of January 1802 and 12th March 1803, was called for and read a the third time and on the question being put shall the same pass and the Title be an Act Supplementary to the Laws providing for the raising of a revenue passed 30th January 1802 and 12th March 1803 it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Co
cil therewith

Mr. Giraults from the Committee appointe
for that purpose reported a Bill intitled an
Act for the relief of insolvent debtors with
respect to the imprisonment of their persons
and the same being read was received by th
house and ordered to lie on the table for farth
Consideration

Ordered that the House adjourn until tom
row morning Nine O Clock

Tuesday 8th day of October 1803.

House met according to adjournment

Members present

Messrs. Brooks Dixon
Conner Giraults
Calvit Haggat
Dunbar & Perkins

A Message from the Council by Tele
Hughes their Secretary.

Mr. The Council have concured in

Several amendments proposed by this House to the following Bills viz An Act to alter part of the Act entitled An Act appointing the place of Holding the Superior Courts for Jefferson District &c &c and an act to prevent Frauds and Perjuries The Council have now under Consideration a Bill entitled an Supplemental to the Act Act providing for the inspection of Cotton

And he then withdrew

Mr Duncan

Presented a petition from the members of the Mississippi Society for the acquirement and and dissemination of useful Knowledge praying to be incorporated &c and the same being read was Received by the House and ordered to be referred to the Committee already appointed to take into Consideration Agriculture Literature and Science.

On motion of Mr Perking

The house again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary

to an act entitled an act providing for the o[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ organization of the Courts of this Territory passed 30th March 1802

Mr Garrett again in the Ch[air]

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Garrett reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made some progress therein and had leave to sit again

Mr Dunbar

From the Committee for the purpose appointed reported a Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mississippi Society for the Acquirement of useful Knowledge and the same being read was received by the House &c.

On motion of Mr Dunbar

The Bill entitled an act providing a Compensation to Seth Lewis was called for and read a ~~the~~ second time and ordered to

be referred to a Committee of the whole house

The house accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the said Bill

Mr Dixon in the Chair

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Dixon reported that the Committee ~~had~~ according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made no amendments thereto ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for a third Reading.

A Message from the Council by Felix Maghee their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have passed a Bill entitled ~~an act Supplemental to the~~ act entitled an act Providing for the inspection of Cotton to which they request the Concurrence of this House

They have also passed the Bill entitled an act for the relief of Creditors by making Compensation ~~Composition~~ with their Debtors &c with the

following Amendments Viz.

In the Title of the Bill strike out from the Word "of" and insert Debtors by making compensation with their Creditors.

To which Amendments they request the Concurrence of this House and he then withdrew

On Motion of Mr Dunbar.

The Bill entitled an act for the relief of insolvent Debtors. was called for and read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third Reading.

Mr Dunbar From the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills reported that the Committee had examined the following Bills. Viz

The enrolled Bill entitled an act Making Compensation to Nicholas Pickens Attorney General of the Washington District

The enrolled Bill entitled an act directing the manner in which certain Claims therein mentioned are to be paid

And the Enrolled Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act providing for the inspection of Cotton. and found the same to be Correct

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council Therewith and present the said enrolled Bill for the Signature of the president of the Council

On motion of Mr Dunbar

The Amendments proposed by the Council (to the Bill entitled an act for the relief of Creditors by making Composition with their Debtors in Case two thirds in number and value do agree) sent to them for Concurrence was taken into Consideration and on Motion Resolved that the house disagree to the same.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On motion of Mr Dunbar

Ordered that the Bill

entitled an act Supplemental to an act
entitled an act providing for the inspection
of Cotton sent to this House by the Coun-
cil for concurrence was Called for and read
a second time. and

On Motion of Mr Perkins

Unanimously agreed

that the house dispense with the third Reading
and that the Main Question be now put.

And on the Question Shall the same pass as
the Title be an act Supplemental to the act
Entitled an act providing for the inspection
of Cotton it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the
Council therewith

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The Bill entitled
an act incorporate the Mississippi
Society for the acquirement and Dissem-
ination of usefull knowledge was ca

for and read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third Reading

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The bill entitled an act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to their persons was called for and read a second time and ordered to be on the Table for further consideration.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker

The Council recede from their amendments proposed to the Bill entitled an Act for the relief of Creditors by making composition with their Debtors in case two thirds in number and value do agree — and he then withdrew.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar,

The Bill entitled an Act fixing the salary of the Chief Justice of the Orphans Court and the Register of the same was called for and read the third time on the Question being put shall the same pass and the Title be an Act the salary of the Chief Justice of the Orphans Court, it passed in the Affirmative,

ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughs their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill entitled an act to amend and reduce into one the several acts ascertaining the number of Attorney General to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory, for fixing their Salaries and directing their duties in Office and for other purposes" to which they request the concurrence of this House, — and he then withdrew.

On Motion of Mr. Parkins

The Bill entitled an act to reduce into one the several acts ascertaining the number of Attorney General to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory, for fixing their Salaries, and directing their duties in office and for other purposes, sent to this House by the Council for concurrence was called for and read the first time, and ordered to be referred to a committee of the whole House for to morrow.

ordered that the House adjourn until to Morrow morning Nine o'clock.

Wednesday 9th day of November 1803

House met according to adjournment.

Members present, — Messrs. Brooks, Dixon, Bonner, Guault, Calvit, Haggett, Dunbar & Perkins.

Mr Grault

From the Committee appointed for the purpose of examining the accounts of the Territorial Treasurer laid before the House a report, and the same being read was received by the House.

Mr Grault

From the Committee appointed for that purpose reported the following Bill, Viz — an act supplementary to an act entitled an act appointing the time when, the place where, and the manner of electing Members of the House of representatives of this Territory. also an act making further and more effectual provisions for establishing and organizing the Militia of this Territory — and the said Bill being read twice received by the House and ordered to lie on the table for further consideration.

On Motion of Mr Dunbar

The Bill entitled an act to Establish the permanent Site of Justice for the district and County of Adams was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put shall the same pass and the Title be an act Entitled an act to establish the permanent Site of Justice for the district and County of Adams it passed in the Negative.

Those who voted in the Affirmative were

Messrs Calvit
Haggatt
& Perkins

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs Brooks
Dixon
Dunbar
& Guault.

on Motion of Mr Perkins

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act providing for the more convenient organization of County in this Territory, Dated 31 March 1802

Mr Haggatt in the Chair — and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Haggatt reported that the Committee had according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made some progress therein, and had leave to sit again.

Mr Speaker laid before the House The following Communication from His Excellency the Governor — Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives I have the Honor to lay before the Legislature a Return of the Militia of this Territory which was made to me on the forth instant by J. L. Trask Brigade Major and Inspector of the Militia of this Territory

New Orleans November 4th 1803 } signed William C C Claiborne

Mr Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Territorial Treasurer which together with the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Territorial Treasurer.

On Motion of Mr Grant was ordered to be referred to a Committee of two to report by Bill or otherwise Mr Grant and Mr Dunbar were accordingly appointed to be the said Committee

On Motion

The Communications of the Governor enclosing a Return of the Brigade Major and Inspector of the Militia Was referred to a Select Committee of three Mr Grants Mr Dixon and Mr Hoggatt were appointed to be the said Com

Mr Dunbar

from the Joint Committee for that purpose appointed reported that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bill entitled an act authorising the laying out a Town in Barrington

County by the Name of Macomburgh found the same correct.

A Message from the Council, by Peter Hughes the Secretary

Mr. Speaker

The Council have now under consideration two Bills, one entitled an Act to alter part of the Act Entitled an Act Concerning Street

and

An Act to establish the permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Albany — Which they will direct

on Motion

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act for the More Convenient organization of the General Courts in this Province passed the 30th day of March 1802

Mr. Hoffatt in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hoffatt reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made several Amendments thereto, and the same being read was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Ordered that the House Adjourn untill to morrow Morning Nine o'clock

Thursday 10th day of November 1803

House met according to Adjournment

Members Present

Mess.rs

Brooks — Dixon
Conner — Guault
Calvit — Hoggatt
Dunbar & Perkins

On Motion of Mr. Guault

Ordered that the Petition of Christina Wallet praying for a divorce be referred to a Committee of two to report by Bill or otherwise. — Mr. Guault & Mr. Dixon were appointed to be the said Committee

On Motion

The Bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Mississippi Society for the Acquirement of useful Knowledge, was called for and read a third time, and on the Question being put shall the same pass, and the Title be an Act to incorporate the Mississippi Society for the Acquirement & Dissemination of useful Knowledge it passed in the affirmative

ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the council therewith

On Motion

The Bill entitled an Act Making compensation to Seth Lucy for a loss sustained by him in the execution of his duty as Chief Justice of this Territory was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put Shall the Same Pass and the Title be an Act Making compensation to Seth Lucy for a loss Sustained by him in the execution of his duty as Chief Justice of this Territory Pass

in the Affirmative. — The Yeas and Nays being Called for. — those who Voted in the Affirmative were

Messrs. Brooks, Dunbar, Grantt, & Perkins

Those who Voted in the Negative were

Messrs. Calvert & Dixon

On Motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act for the regulation and good Government of Navy.

Mr. Dixon in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Dixon reported the

The Committee according to Order have had the said Bill under consideration and made some progress therein and have leave to sit again.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary,

Mr Speaker &

The Council have passed a Bill entitled an Act to establish a permanent Court of Justice for the District and County of Adams & to which they request the concurrence of this House, and he then withdrew. A message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Mississippi Society for the Acquirement and Dissemination of Useful Knowledge sent to them for Concurrence.

On Motion

The Bill entitled an Act to establish a permanent Court of Justice for the District and County of Adams, sent to this House for Concurrence by message for and read the Time and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Mr. Dunbar

From the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills reported that the Committee had examined the following Bills, viz. An Act entitled An Act supplementary to an Act providing for the for the inspection of cotton.

An Act to alter part of the Act entitled an Act appointing the place of holding the Superior Courts of Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County, and for other purposes.

On Motion of Mr. Dunbar

Ordered that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act for the Regulation & good Government of Slavery. Mr. Dixon in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Dixon reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and made several amendments which were delivered in at the Clerks Table, and the same being read twice were agreed to by the House.

On Motion of Mr. Perkins

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an act to regulate the Number of Attorney General to be appointed in this Country, for fixing their Salary &c

Mr Dixon in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Dixon reported that the House having to order had the said Bill under Consideration and made some progress therein and had leave to sit again.

On Motion of Mr. Hoggatt

The Bill entitled an act to establish a permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams, was referred to a Committee of the Whole House for to morrow.

Ordered that the House Adjourn until to morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

Friday 11th day of November 1803

House Met according to Adjournment

Members Present Mess.rs Brooks - Dixon
Conner Hoggatt
Calvit
Dunbar Perkins
and

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker

The Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Acts of the General Assembly providing for the raising of a Revenue" passed the 30th day of January 1802 and the 12 of March 1803 sent to them for concurrence.—

On Motion The Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act for the more Convenient Organization of the Courts in this Territory passed 30th March 1802 was called for and read the third time And on the Question being put shall the same pass as the Title be an act Supplementary to an Act for the more Convenient Organization of the Courts in this Territory passed 31st March 1802 [illegible]

It passed in the affirmative.

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker

The Council took into Consideration the Bill entitled an Act providing a Compensation to Nathl Lewis for the Loss sustained by him in the exercise of his Duty as Chief Justice of this Territory, and have resolved that

the same do not pass.

Mr. Pitney from the Committee appointed for that purpose reported a Petition and Memorial to Congress praying for the relief of certain Grievances therein Mentioned and the same being read the first time, long received by the House. - and on Motion Unanimously Agreed that the House dispense with the usual form, and that the Main Question be Put. -

And on the question being put Shall this pass and the Title be a petition to the Hon.ble the Senate and House of representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled It passed in the Affirmative. -

Ordered that the Clerk present the same to the Council for their concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Hoggatt the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled an Act to establish a permanent Court of Justice for the County and District of Adams, sent by the Council to this House for concurrence. -

Mr. Dixon in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed

the Chair and Mr. Dixon reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and Made some amendments thereto which he delivered in at the Clerks Table and the same being read was received and Agreed to by the House.—

Mr. Dumbar

From the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose of Examining enrolled Bills reported that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bill entitled an Act for the relief of Creditors by Making composition with their Creditors in case two thirds in Number and Value do agree — and found the same to be correct.

On Motion

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled regulating the Number of Attorney General.—

Mr. Dixon in the Chair

and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Dixon reported that the Committee according to order had the said Bill under consideration and Made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerks Table, and the same being read was agreed to by the House and ordered to be

the Table for a third reading.

Mr Dunbar

From the Joint Committee for that purpose appointed reported that the Committee had presented the following enrolled Bills to the Governor for his approbation.

1st An act to alter part of the act entitled an act appointing the place of holding the superior Court for Jefferson district, and the County Court for Jefferson County and for other purposes"

2d An act supplemental to the act entitled an act providing for the inspection of Cotton"

3d An act authorising the laying out a Town in Washington County by the name of Macomsburgh

4th An act directing the manner in which certain claims therein mentioned are to be paid

5th An act supplementary to an act entitled an act providing for the inspection of Cotton passed the 10th day of March 1803

6th An act making compensation to Nicholas Pertkin Attorney General for the District of Washington

On Motion

The Bill entitled an act to prevent the evil practice

of Dueling sent to this House for concurrence was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put shall the same pass and the Title be an act to prevent the evil practice of Dueling, it passed in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker

Laid before the House the following communications from the Governor.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives —

I have this day approved and signed the following acts which originated in the House of Representatives

— "an act Making compensation to Nicholas Parkins Attorney General for the District of Washington."

" — an act directing the Manner in which certain Claims therein Mentioned are to be paid."

an act Authorizing the laying out a Town in Washington County by the Name of Macongby — and

An act supplementary to an act entitled an act provided for the Inspection of Cotton passed the 10th day of March

Signed William Claiborne

Town of Washington
Nov. 11th 1803

On Motion

The Bill entitled an act Making further and More

effectual provision for establishing and organizing the Militia

was called for and ordered to be read the Second time

Ordered that the House Adjourn until to-morrow Morning

Nine O'Clock.—

Saturday 12th day of November 1813

House met according to Adjournment

Members Present

Mess.rs Brooks Dunbar

Conner Dixon

Cabell and Perkins

A Message from the Council by Tilor Hughes their Secretary

Mr. Speaker—

The Governor has notified the Council that he has approved and signed the following enrolled Bills Viz

"An act to alter part of the act entitled an act appointing the place of holding the Superior Courts for Jefferson District and the County Courts for Jefferson County, and for other purposes" and

"An act Supplemental to the act entitled an act providing for the Inspection of Tobacco"—

The Council have prepared an address to his Excellency the

President of the United States, which is now submitted to the consideration of this House and their concurrence to the same is requested.

On Motion

The House agreed to the following resolution — resolved by the Legislative Council and House of representatives that they recede from their Joint resolution of the twenty Eighth of october last directing the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on Saturday the 12th day of November — and that Wednesday the 16th day of the same Month be the day appointed for the said adjournment. — ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Message from the Council by Felix Haughy their Secretary

Mr. Speaker

The Council have concurred with this days resolution of the House of representatives, relative to the adjournment of Both Houses. —

Mr. Hoggatt appeared and took his Seat

A Message from the Council by Felix Haughy their Secretary

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the first amendment proposed by this House to the Bill entitled an Act to prevent the evil practice of dueling, and have disagreed to the second

On Motion the Bill entitled an act to amend and redu

into One the several acts ascertaining the Number of Attorney General to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory, for fixing their Salaries, and directing their duties in office and for other purposes, was called for and read the third time, and the Question being put Shall the same pass and the Title be an Act to amend and reduce into one, the several acts ascertaining the Number of Attorney General to be Appointed in the Mississippi Territory, for fixing their Salaries and directing their duties in Office, and for other purposes, it passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion of Mr Bexon

The Bill entitled an Act Making further and more effectual provision for establishing and organizing the Militia &c

was, according to the order of Yesterday called for and read the second time. and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading

On Motion

The Bill entitled an act for establishing a permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams was called for and read a third time and on the Question being put Shall the same pass, and the Title be An act entitled an act establishing the permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams it passed in the Affirmative

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith

Ordered that the House adjourn until Monday morning ten Oclock.

Monday 14th day of Nov. 180

House met according to adjournment

Members Present

Mess.rs Conner and Moggatt

Dixon & Perkins

There not being a quorum the House adjourned until Tomorrow morning ten Oclock

Tuesday 15th day of November

House met according to adjournment

Members present

Mess.rs Conner Moggatt

Dixon & Perkins

Ordered that the Sergeant at arms be and he is hereby commanded to take into Cs tody the following absent members Sowrt. William Dunlow John Grant Thomas Calvert & John Brown Esquires and Compel their Attendance on this House Tomorrow morning nine

O Clock.

Ordered that the Clerk deliver a Copy of the foregoing order to the Sergeant at Arms.

Ordered that the House adjourn until to morrow morning nine O Clock

Wednesday 16th November 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members present

Mess.rs Comma Hoggatt
Calvert and
Dixon Perkins

A message from the Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker The Council have had under Consideration the Memorial relative to the insulated Situation of the inhabitants of Tom Beebee addressed to the Hon.ble the Congress and have disagreed to the same

The Council have also concurred to the Amendments proposed by this House to the Bill entitled an act to amend & reduce into one the several acts ascertaining the number of Attorneys General to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory for fixing their Salaries directing their duties in office and for other purposes

On Motion

Mr Perkins was added to the Joint Committee before appointed for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills

A Message from the Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have agreed to the several amendments proposed by the House to the Bill entitled an act to establish the permanent seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams and propose the following Amendments to the

After the word "inhabitants" in their third Amendment insert the following Words.

"And whenever the said Commissioners or a Majority of them shall fix on the Place for the Site on the aforesaid Court House and Jail the next and all future elections for Members of the District of Adams to serve in the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory shall be held thereat any Law usage or custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

Provided Nevertheless that the said Commissioners appointed by this Act shall have their first Meeting on or before the first Monday in March next at the House where Joseph M'Loyd now lives on Second Creek To which they request the Concurrence of this House

Mr Dunbar appeared in Custody of the Serjeant at arms and gave to the House his Reasons for being absent. and the same being thought sufficient by the House.

Ordered that he be discharged from the Custody of the Serjeant at arms free from the Costs of Arrest &c

On Motion

Resolved that the House agree to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Amendments of this House to the Bill entitled an Act fixing the site of Justice for the Districts County of Adams. and

ordered the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Comte for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills. reported that the Comte had examined the Enrolled Bill entitled

An act to provide for the ~~publishing~~ promulgation of the Laws passed by the General Assembly and the Journals of the same.

And found the same to be correct.

Ordered that the Clerk present the same for the signature of the president of the Council

On motion of Mr Perkins

The following Resolution was adopted by the House

Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives that they recede from the Joint Resolution of the Twelfth of November directing the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective Houses on wednesday the 16th of November and that Saturday the 19th of the same Month be appointed for the said adjournment.

Ordered that the Clerk present the same to the Council for concurrence

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council concur with the House of Representatives receding from their Joint Resolution of the 12th Instant.

On Motion

The house proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments proposed by this house to the Bill entitled an Act to prevent the evil practice of Dueling and objected to by the Council and

Resolved that the House recede from their Amendments proposed thereto.

Ordered that Samuel Gourley be appointed a engrossing Clerk to this House.

Mr Dunlap

From the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose of Examining enrolled Bills Reported that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bill entitled an act

to prevent frauds and perjuries
and the enrolled Bill entitled an act
to incorporate the Mississippi Society for
the acquirement and dissemination of usefull Knowledge.
and found the same to be correct.
A Message from the Council by Felix
Hughes their Secretary.
Mr Speaker
The Council have passed
the Bill entitled an act establishing
the fees of the Chief Justice and Regis
ters of the several Orphans Courts in this Territory
Sent to them for concurrence.
Mr. Dunbar
Presented a petition from
a Committee of the Board of Trustees
of Jefferson College, praying an amend
ment to the fifth Section of the Law
entitled an act to Establish a Col-
-lege in the Mississippi Territory. and
the same being read was received by
the House and referred to a

Committee of two Mr Dunbar and Mr Perkins were appointed to be the said Committee —

Ordered that the House adjourn until Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

Thursday. 17th November 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members Present

Mess.rs Calvert Hoggatt
Dixon and
Dunbar Perkins

Mr. Speaker being absent the House proceeded to the Election of Another.

And upon examining the Ballots Mr Dunbar was found to be duly elected and Conducted to the Chair.

On Motion

~~Ordered that~~ The Engrossed Bill Entitled an Act. Making further and more effectual Provision for establishing and a

, was called for and

garising the Militia. Ye ~~be~~ read a third time

and on the question being put shall the same

pass. and the Title be an act Entitled an act

Making further and more effectual provision

for establishing and organizing the Militia &c.

Passed in the affirmative

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith

On motion of Mr Dixon

Ordered that two additional Mem-

bers be appointed ~~to the~~ Committee ~~before~~

appointed to whom was referred the letter of the

Territorial Treasurer and the report of the Com^e

appointed to examine the Accounts of the

Territorial Treasurer. Mr Perkins & Mr Dixon were accordingly appointed

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Committee

appointed for the purpose of examining

enrolled Bills reported that the Committee

had examined the following enrolled

Bills viz

An Act Supplementary to ~~the~~ acts

of the General Assembly providing

for the Raising of a Revenue passed the thirtyeth of January 1802 and 12th of March 1803 And —

An Act establishing the fees of the Chief Justice and Registers of the Orphans Court of this Territory ~~and~~

An Act to prevent the evil practice of Dueling and

An act to Establish the permanent Seat of Justice for the District and County of Adams — And found the same to be Correct. and the same being signed by the Speaker

Ordered that the Clerks Present the same to the President of the Council for his Signature.

Mr Perkins

From the Committee for that purpose appointed Reported a Bill entitled an act empowering the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College to elect new trustees and the same being Read was received by the

House and ordered to lie on the table for farther Consideration

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow Morning Nine O Clock —

Friday 18th November 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members present

Messrs Patrick Hoggatt
Dunbar and
Dixon Perkins

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary.

Mr Speaker

The Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act supplementary to the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory" passed the 26th of January 1803 sent to them for concurrence, with the following amendments viz -

Sect 1. line 10 after the word "Washington" strike out the word "provided" and in lieu

thereof insert "on the first Monday in Mar
and September; in and for the District of
Adams "on the second Monday in April
and October and in and for the Distric
of Jefferson on the fourth Monday in
April and October; and shall be held
any number of days, not exceeding
twelve days. Sect. 2. line 5. after the
word "Washington" strike out to the end of
the section: and insert as follows, on
the first Monday in February, June
and October; in and for the County of
Wilkinson on the first Monday in
January May and September; in
and for the County of Adams on
the third Monday in January, May
and September; in and for the County
of Jefferson on the first Monday
in February June and October, and
in and for the County of Claiborne
on the third Monday in February
and June; and second Monday

in November, and shall be held any number of days not exceeding nine days. Sect 3. line 32. Strike out the word "either" and insert the word "the" and in the same line, strike out the words "at the Election of the plaintiff" and insert the words "where the Defendant resides"

To which amendments they request the Concurrence of this house

and then he withdrew

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Committee appointed for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills. reported that the Committee had presented the following enrolled Bills to the Governor for his approbation viz:

An Act to prevent frauds and Perjuries

An Act for the relief of Creditors by Making Composition with their Debtors in case two thirds in number and value do agree

An Act to incorporate the Mississippi Stock for the accommodation and discom

tination of useful knowledge.

An Act to provide for the Printing and Promulgation of the Laws passed by the General Assembly and the Journals of the same

An Act to prevent the evil practice of Duelling

An act to establish the permanent seats of Justice for the Districts and County of Adams. And -

An Act to establish the fees of the Justice and Register of the several Orphans Courts of this Territory.

On Motion

Resolved that the house disagree to the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Act entitled an act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory &c

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On Motion

The Bill entitled an act to Impowering the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College to Elect New trustees was Called for and Read a Second time.

and on Motion Unanimously agreed by the House that the usual forms be dispensed with and that the Main question be put.

and on the question being put shall the same pass and the title be an act Impowering the Board of trustees of Jefferson College to Elect new Trustees it passed in the affirmative

On Motion

The Bill entitled an act. Supplemental to an act entitled Act appointing the time When the place Where and the Manner of Electing Members of the House of Representatives of this Territory

was Called for and read the second time and

On Motion

Unanimously Resolved That the house
dispense with the usual forms and
that the main Question be put.
And on the Question being put shall
the same pass and the title be an
act Supplemental to an act En-
titled an act appointing the time when
the place where and the manner
of electing Members of the House of
Representatives of this Province, it
passed in the affirmative
Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint
the Council therewith —
A Message from the Council by
Felix Hughes their Secretary.
Mr Speaker The Council have
passed the following Resolution

Resolved that the Council do adhere to their Amendments proposed by them to the Bill entitled. An act supplementary to the act entitled. An act to provide for the more Convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory. &c

and he then withdrew &c

On Motion

Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed together with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council to confer on the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an act supplementary to the act entitled an act to provide for the more Convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory and disagreed to by this House;

and that Mr Perkins and Mr Doggett were accordingly appointed

and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith & to be the Committee

On Motion of Mr Williams

The following Resolution was adopted by the House

Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives That a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor of the Joint Resolution for the adjournment of Both Houses on Saturday the Nineteenth of the Present Month

Mr Berry and Mr Bateson were appointed to be the said Committee

A Message from the Council by Mr Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have appointed Mr Montgomery on their part as a Manager with the Managers appointed by the House of Representatives for the purpose of Considering the Amendments proposed by the Council and Disagreed to by this House to the Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to the act

Entitled an act providing for the more
Convenient organization of the Courts of
this Territory
and he then with drew

Mr Dixon
From the Committee for that
purpose appointed reported a Bill en=
titled an act Establishing the office
of auditor and accountant General
of the Public accounts and preser=
=ving and regulating the duties thereof
and the same being read was recei'd
by the House and ordered to lie on
the table for farther Consideration.
A message from the Council by Mr.
Hughes their Secretary
Mr Speaker
The council have appointed
their part Mr Latimore as a Joint Committee
to wait on the Governor and inform
him of the intended adjournment

of both houses on Saturday the 17th Instant

and he then withdrew

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have passed the Bill entitled An Act to empower the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College to elect new Members sent to them for Concurrence with the following amendments. Viz. Sect. 1st line 10th Strike out the words Six months and in Lieu thereof insert the words four meetings Successively in which they are to the Concurrence of this House.

On Motion.

Resolved that the House agree to the Amendments proposed by the Council.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

On Motion of Mr Perkins

The house agreed to the following Memorial Viz.

To the Honourable Senate and house of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled The Memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory Most respectfully Sheweth

That the Settlements on the Tombecbee and Alabama Rivers are situated at so great a distance from the other inhabited parts of the Territory by an interval of nearly three Hundred miles of Desert at all times incommoded by straggling parties of Savages watching the opportunity of Availing themselves of the weakness of the travelers if not openly at least by Stealth Not to Mention the impossibility of Communication for several Weeks together which Not unfrequently is the Consequence of the long and abundant Rains of the Climate many inconveniences arise to the Settlements from

the above causes the non Attendance of the Territorial Judges is certainly one of a Grievous Nature by which that part of the Territory has been deprived for Years of the Benefit of a Superior Court your Memorialists have thought it expedient to present to the Consideration of Congress the above Circumstances before the Moment arrives of giving limits to the Divisions of the new Erected Countries in order that the General Government May in its Wisdom determine upon the Propriety of drawing a line of Seperation between the settlements on the Mississippi and those of Washington District situate on the Tombecbee and Alabama Rivers or providing for the latter, Judges learned in the Law Whose Residence Within the District will remedy the Grievous inconvenience now attending the insulated Portion of the Mississippi Territory and your Memorialists as in Duty bound.

Will ever Pray.

On Motion of Mr Perkins

Resolved that the Memorial from this House Respecting the County of Washington be transmitted by the Speaker to the Delagate for this Territory requesting him to present the same to Congress

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Committee appointed for that Purpose Reported that the Committee have had under Consideration the Amendments Proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to an act Entitled an Act to provide for the more Convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory &c and Recomend that the Council Recede from their Amendments except in the last line of the first Section thereby altering "eighteen" to "twelve".

On motion The house agreed to the said Report and

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith

On motion of Mr Dixon

The Bill entitled an act Establishing the office of Auditor and Accountant General of the Public Accounts and Prescribing and Regulating

the duties thereof was called for and read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for the third Reading

A Message from the Council by Silas Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have agreed to the Report of the Joint Committee of both houses Relative to Amendments proposed to the Bill entitled an Act. Supplementary to the Act Entitled an Act to provide for the more Convenient organization of the Courts of this Territory

And they have also passed the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Act entitled an Act Appointing the time Where, the place Where and the manner of Electing Members of the House of Representatives With the following Amendments viz Strike out the Whole of the first Section and

In the 2nd Section line 3d after the word agent ~~insert the words agents~~ insert the words either of the inspectors."

The Governor has Notified the Council that he this day did approve and sign the following enrolled Bills Viz.:-

An Act to prevent the evil practice of Cudling and

An Act to prevent Frauds and Injuries.

and he then Withdrew

On Motion

The house Disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Act entitled An Act appointing the time when the place where and the manner of Electing members of the House of Representatives.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr Speaker

Laid before the house the follow-
ing Communications from his Excellency
the Governor.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council
and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives
I have this day approved and signed the
following acts which Originated in the
House of Representatives to wit.

An Act for the relief of Creditors by
making Compositions with their Creditors
in Case two thirds in number and value
do agree.

An act to provide for the printing and
promulgation of the Laws passed by
the General Assembly. and the Journals
of the same.

An Act Establishing the fees of the
Chief Justice and Register of the several
Probate Courts in this Territory.

An Act Supplementary to the acts of the General Assembly providing for the raising of a Revenue passed thirtieth of January 1802 and 12th " March 1803

And An Act to incorporate the Mississippi Society for the acquirement and Dissemination of usefull Knowledge.

(Signed) William C C Claiborne.

Town of Washington
November 18th 1803

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

An Motion

The Bill entitled an act establishing the office of Auditor and accountant General of the Public accounts and prescribing and Regulating the duties thereof was called for and read the third time and the question being put shall the same pass and the Title be an act establishing the office of Auditor an Accountant General

and prescribing and regulating their duties thereof it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning nine O'clock.

Saturday 19th November 1803

House met according to adjournment

Members present.

Mess.rs Dunbar, Grantt, Hoggatt, Dixon, Perkins

Mr Perkins

From the Committee appointed to examine enrolled Bills. Reported that the Committee had examined the following enrolled Bills viz

An Act to amend and reduce into one the several acts ascertaining the number of attorneys general to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory fix their salaries and directing their duties

office and for other purposes –
And an Act Supplementary to an Act entitled an Act to provide for the more Convenient organisation of the Courts of this Territory passed 20th January 1803. and found the same to be Correct –

A Message from the Council by Felix Hughes their Secretary

Mr Speaker

The Council have receeded from their Amendments proposed to the Bill entitled an act Supplemental to the act entitled an act appointing the time when the place where and the manner of Electing Members of the House of Representatives of this Territory and they have passed the Bill entitled – an act making further and more effectual provision for establishing the Militia of this Territory which was sent to them for concurrence and he then withdrew

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Committee appointed to examine enrolled Bills. Reported that the Committee had examined the Enrolled Bill entitled an Act empowering the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College to elect new Trustees and found the same to be correct.

Mr Perkins From the Joint Committee for the purpose of examining enrolled Bills Reported that the Committee had presented the following enrolled Bills to the Governor for his Approbation.

An Act empowering the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College to Elect New Trustees.

An act to amend and reduce into one the Several acts ascertaining the Number of Attorneys General to be appointed in the Mississippi Territory for fixing their Salaries and directing their Duties in office and for other purposes

And an Act Supplementary to an act entitled an Act to provide for the more convenient Organization of the Several Courts of this Territory &c

Mr Grantt appeared in Custody of the Serjeant at arms and gave to the House his Reason for being absent and the Same being found Sufficient ordered that he be discharged from the Custody of the Serjeant at arms free from Costs.

Mr Perkins

From the Joint Committee Appointed to examine Enrolled Bills. Reported that the Committee had examined an Enrolled Bill entitled an Act ~~Supplemental to an Act~~ Making further and more effectual Provision for establishing and organizing the Militia of this Territory and found the Same to be Correct

On Motion

Resolved by the House of Representatives. That the Clerks of the Respective Counties be directed to instruct without delay the Justices of the peace of the Several Districts appointed by the County Courts to receive lists of taxable property that they are directed by Law to proceed from and after the first day of December next to inquire into and make a Compleat new list of taxable property for the year Eighteen Hundred and three agreeably to a provision contained in an act entitled an act supplementary to the Laws of this Territory providing for the raising of a Revenue passed the thirtyeth of January 1802 and the 12 March 1803 which said Supplementary act was passed the 18th November 1803

On Motion

Ordered that the Clerk do Transmit without delay a Copy of the Resolution to each of the Clerks of the County Courts, subjoining thereto a list of Property subject by Law to pay Taxes for the Year 1803. as follows to wit 1st all Lands to which the Indian Title has been extinguished and Held by Deed, Grants Rights of Crown or Country, or by Claims Confirmed by articles of agreement and Cession between the United States and the State of Georgia, or by the Act of Congress regulating the Grants of Lands South of the State of Tennessee on each hundred Acres one hundred Cents, 2d on each Slave under the age of fifty years fifty Cents 3d on each unimproved Lot within any City Town or Village (so far as the Streets and squares thereof are or shall be marked and laid off) two Dollars 4th an Dwelling House Being Built, or to be Built on Lots within any such City, Town, or Village, for every square of one hundred superficial feet owing for the Basis of Ground Floor of such House as described by the existing Laws fifty Cents 5th on each and every square of the upper Stories of any such Houses

Mr Parkins from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills reported that the Committee had presented to His Excellency the Enrolled Bill entitled an act making further and more effectual provision for establishing and organizing the Militia of this Territory.

Mr Speaker laid before the House the following Communication from His Excellency the Governor

Gentlemen of the ~~Legislature~~ Council and House of Representatives

I have this day approved and signed the following enrolled Bills